

ABSTRACT

1 A medical article sterilization device has a pretreatment area for medical articles, a
2 device to form a housing in a first web, an article loading station, an alignment device and a
3 sterilization-sealing station. A heat source at the pretreatment area heats the medical articles.
4 At the article loading station a medical article heated in the pretreatment area is loaded into the
5 housing in the first web. The alignment device aligns a second web with the first web. At the
6 sterilization-sealing station the first web and the second web, with the medical article loaded
7 into the housing, are sterilized and then, the first and second webs are sealed together. Gas
8 injection pins may be provided at the sterilization-sealing station to inject gas into the housing,
9 between the first and second webs. The sterilization-sealing station may have a steam source
10 to inject steam into the housing, between the first and second webs.